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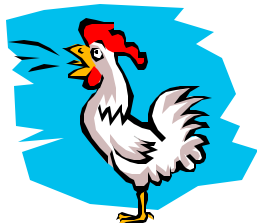
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the West, steady to fully steady elsewhere. Demand was sluggish to fair at best in the Midwest since post holiday needs were met, fair to moderate in other areas. Supplies were at least adequate on heavy sizes, yet close balanced to tight for lighter weights. In the parts structure, breast items were balanced, but becoming more available in spot areas. Dark meat items were adequate to close balanced and moving, and wings were adequate to ample with slow movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cent to 58.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 60.75 cents last year on the 2nd of June, 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

### DOCK PRICE

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
BREASTS - B/S	159.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.00
LEG QUARTERS	20.50
WINGS	52.00

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### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 05/27/00	2000	1999
EGGS SET	185,558	184,615
CHICKS PLACED	148,148	146,474

PREVIOUS YEAR  
+01  
+01

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 186 million eggs during the week ending May 27, 2000. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 27, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through May 27, 2000, were 3.07 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 8-Jul-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.3 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.7 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 162.0 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.87 CENTS PER POUND.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair. Offerings were short to adequate on the 3 pound and smaller sizes and usually more than adequate on the larger birds. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts market, supplies were mostly adequate to handle current trade needs.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to fair with limited trading. Supplies were balanced with lighter weights less available. Truck shortages were still prevalent and continued to cause numerous transportation problems. In the parts structure, movement of breast items was moderate to good with supplies clearing. Dark meat items were sufficient and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

**MIDWEST** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Additional offerings of WOGS fully adequate on heavy sizes to in close balance on lighter weight product; whole fryer offerings limited for a mostly light trade interest. Movement into all outlets noted as sluggish, very light to fair at best. Floor stocks were in a full range with a few distributors cutting regular commitments in order to maintain balance. Weights desirable to heavier than desired. Parts trading tapering, light to moderate with leg quarters the best call. Retail features reported in the St. Louis area on leg quarters at 25 cents, in Michigan, boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.99 cents and in Ohio, split breasts at 89 cents. Supplies of breast items more available, wings fully adequate to ample and dark meat items adequate to barely adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady on whole breasts and leg quarters, cautiously steady on all other items.

**WESTERN** The market tone was firm. Offerings adequate. Buying activity was fair. Demand light to moderate for whole body and fairly good for parts, best where featured. Floor stocks adequate. Ads noted: So. CA. - whole body 59-79, leg quarters 39, whole legs 98, thighs 69-99, drumsticks 69-99, bone-in breasts 178, boneless breasts 299-559 and cornish hens 108; No. CA. - leg quarters 69, whole legs 99, thighs 99, drumsticks 99, boneless breasts 199-399 and boneless thigh meat 239.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds varied and was about moderate overall. Offerings were adequate to closely cleared and were generally in the better balance on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, leg quarters were generally noted as in good balance. Other cuts were at least adequate. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 06-03-2000 WAS 12,301,864 @ 5.07#

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	55-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.80
NO. OF BOXES	6,506

\*6 of 8 plants reporting.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>POUNDS (000)</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
BREAST - B/S	650	148.00-208.00	150-155	154.43
TENDERLOINS	76	145.00-205.00	145-150	163.81
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	70	54.00-56.00	-	55.00
LEGS	88	27.00-35.00	27-28	27.73
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	709	17.00-19.00	17-18	17.59
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,077	20.00-22.00	21-22	21.17
WINGS (WHOLE)	92	40.00-53.00	45-47	45.72
WINGS (CUT)	545	53.00-72.00	53-56	56.18
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 31, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

<b>RANGE</b>	<b>TODAY'S AVERAGE</b>	<b>5-DAY AVERAGE</b>
35.50 - 37.50	36.30	35.66

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

Trucklot buying activity had slowed somewhat after the busy holiday weekend and was mostly fair. Offerings were generally adequate in filling current needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about moderate. The market tone was steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>CURRENT NEG TRADING*</b>	<b>WTD AVG**</b>	<b>VOL/LBS</b>
BREAST - B/S	155-160	159.39	432,080
TENDERLOINS	145-150	150.26	76,300
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	83.09	216,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	78.13	236,440
LEGS	34-35	39.11	157,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	24.94	460,935
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	39.22	82,360
THIGHS	28-29	37.59	61,550
B/S THIGHS	86-87	92.25	48,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	59.69	227,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.10	49,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.89	32,290
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	45.08	63,755

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	<b>ESTIMATED</b>		<b>ACTUAL</b>		<b>AVG WTS</b>		<b>AVG WTS</b>	
	05/31	05/30	05/29	05/26	05/29	05/26	05/24	05/22
ALA	3,807	3,886	1,014	3,708	4.39	4.76	3,846	4.99
ARK	5,180	5,276	(A)	5,701	(A)	4.68	4,841	4.92
DELMARVA	2,424	2,423	Holiday	2,622	Holiday	5.02	2,446	5.16
KY-LA-TN	1,930	2,112	(A)	2,575	(A)	4.24	1,966	4.41
MISS	2,775	2,771	2,539	2,772	4.96	4.93	2,776	5.08
NC	2,614	2,705	1,008	3,074	5.36	6.01	2,596	5.96
TEXAS	2,329	2,313	2,287	2,611	4.82	4.64	2,355	4.98
TOTAL	21,059	21,486	7,466	23,063	4.84	4.83	20,826	5.07
MON-WED	49,678(B)				62,384(B)			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-May 00

is estimated to be 31,507,000 up 1.07 percent from a week

ago and up 0.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 31,403,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<b>RANGE</b>
FRESH FRYERS	77-81
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	74-79
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	309

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	102-104
	ICE PACK	92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	107-111
	DRY PACK	119
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	95
DUCKS		152-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 3-00

	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	06/03/00 (1)	05/27/00
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	144,701 (2)	163,446
LT HENS	1,569	2,048
HVY HENS	1,382	1,613
CHECK TOTAL	147,652	167,107

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Jun-00 is 156.4 million head compared to 143.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 145.0 million head or 11.4 million less than estimated available. For week of 10-Jun-00 the estimated available is 157.3 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEY</b>	<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>
	<b>LBS</b>	<b>LBS</b>
AM 29-May-00	137,271	91,849
AM 1-May-00	127,404	90,183
CHG	9,867	1,666
PCT CHG	8	2

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEYS</b>			<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
	05/29/00	05/22/00	05/31/99	05/29/00	05/22/00	05/31/99
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	18,480	18,100	34,562	14,214	14,505	18,048
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	439	293	1,348	4,573	5,065	10,086

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 05/30/00

	<b>LOW</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>LOW</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>AVG</b>
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.05	1.15	1.08	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-1.35	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.90	2.00	1.40	MIXED FOWL ea.	1.50	4.75
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-1.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.20	1.25
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	5.50
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	1.40	1.14	ROOSTERS ea.	-1.50	-
GEESE lb.	.45	.60	.48	GEESE ea.	-9.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-.75	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-1.00	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-3.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.35	1.05	.68	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	4.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	6.00	9.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.00	4.25
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	4.00	5.25
SILKIES ea.	7.00	7.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	1.00	3.00
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 99

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 29, 2000

	<b>RANGE</b>
<b>HENS</b> ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-64

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending May 26, 2000

	<b>Whole</b>	<b>Legs</b>	<b>Necks, Backs</b>	<b>Livers/</b>	
	<b>Chickens</b>	<b>Breasts</b>	<b>W/ Thighs</b>	<b>&amp; Wings</b>	<b>Gizzards Hens</b>
<b>RAYON</b>					
Low	79.14	133.48	81.04	23.84	7.15 57.21
High	81.04	152.55	90.58	33.37	9.53 57.21
Mostly	80.09	143.02	90.58	33.37	7.15 57.21
<b>SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	78.66	133.48	85.81	33.37	11.92 61.50
High	79.61	152.55	95.34	42.90	12.39 61.50
Mostly	78.66	143.02	90.58	38.14	11.92 61.50
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	78.66	133.48	76.27	23.84	7.15 57.21
High	80.09	143.02	85.81	33.37	9.53 57.21
Mostly	78.66	143.02	85.81	33.37	7.15 57.21
<b>BECERRA</b>					
Low	75.80	147.78	85.81	33.37	9.53 61.97
High	78.66	162.08	95.34	42.90	11.92 61.97
Mostly	78.66	152.55	95.34	40.52	9.53 61.97

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